

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are presently pending. Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12-16, 19, and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,116,441 ("Matsuoka"). Claims 2, 8, 9, 11, 17, 18, 20, 26, and 27 are objected to. Claims 28-35 are withdrawn from consideration, following Examiner's restriction requirement. Reconsideration and continued examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 recites, among other limitations, "using a two-dimensional lookup table that contains mapping for a portion of the colors of the image". Examiner has indicated that "Masuoka also discloses a two dimensional lookup table (e.g., graphs of figures 21, 22, and 23 represent as two dimensional lookup tables, column 21, lines 26-35)." Examiner has also indicated that Matsuoka discloses "(e.g., nonlinear mapping of the lightness and chromaticity components (two-dimension) in the gamut mapping unit, column 27, lines 58-60); e.g., graphs of figures 21, 22, and 23"

Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection. Assignee respectfully submits that Masuoka Figures 21, 22, and 23 merely graph "printer gamut" and "monitor gamut" to lightness and saturation and is not a lookup table. Additionally, Assignee submits that chromaticity represents more than one dimension, and accordingly, "nonlinear mapping of the lightness and chromaticity components" is not the claimed "two dimensional lookup table".

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection

to claim 1.

Regarding Claim 10, the Office Action states "Claim 10 is the system claim corresponding with method steps in claim 1 with operation corresponding directly to the steps in method of claim 1. Therefore claim 10 is rejected as set forth above for claim 1." Regarding claim 19, the Office Action states "Claim 19 is the system claim corresponding with method steps in claim 1 with operation corresponding directly to the steps in method of claim 1. Therefore claim 19 is rejected as set forth above for claim 1."

In response to the Examiner's remarks to Claim 10 and 19, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has not shown a teaching of what is recited in Claim 10 and 19 since Examiner has not shown a teaching of what is recited in Claim 1. Since the Examiner has rejected Claims 10 and 19 "as set forth above for Claim 1," the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to refer to Applicant's arguments for Claim 1 in this Response.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits that each of the pending claims are allowable and Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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